

RECORDS REQUIRING SCREENING

DEF 19-9 US IRAN

BOX 1857

FOLDER DEF 19-9 US-IRAN 4/21/74

DEF 19-9 US-IRAN

Department of State

TELEGRAM



may

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 765

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 01665 231040Z

16

ACTION PM-06

INFO OCT-01 NEA-09 SA-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00 H-02 INR-06 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 P-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-14 USIA-12 EUR-20

M-03 BAL-03 OB-01 PER-05 AID-20 RSR-01 OMB-01 /125 W  
126565

R 230240Z MAR 72

FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7822

INFO EUCOM

C ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SECTION ONE OF TWO TEHRAN 1665

FOR PM DIRECTOR RONALD SPIERS

SUBJ: 15 PER CENT MAAG CUT

DEF 19-9 US

REF: A) STATE 042164; B) USCINCEUR DTG 081502Z MARCH 1972;  
C) TEHRAN 4535, AUGUST 17, 1971; D) TEHRAN 2660, MAY 20,  
1971.

COUNTRY TEAM MESSAGE

SUMMARY. DESPITE REQUIRED 15 PER CENT MAAG REDUCTION WORLD-  
WIDE, COUNTRY TEAM BELIEVES COMPELLING REASONS EXIST FOR  
INCREASE IN PRESENT ARMISH/MAAG COMPLEMENT TO MEET LONG UN-  
ANSWERED REQUEST OF SHAH. SHAH SEES MILITARY COOPERATION AS  
MAJOR BENEFIT HE GETS FROM RELATIONS WITH U.S. ADVISORY MISSION  
IS KEY ELEMENT IN THIS COOPERATION. IT IS UNDERMANNED AT TIME  
GOI MILITARY MODERNIZATION REQUIRES ADVISORY AUGMENTATION.  
UNLESS MAAG IS ADEQUATELY STAFFED TO PERFORM CREDIBLE AND RES-  
PONSIBLE ADVISORY ROLE, IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN TRUST  
AND RELIANCE OF SHAH AND IRANIAN MILITARY NOR MEET ITS OBLIGA-  
TIONS FOR SUPPORT OF MAJOR US EQUIPMENT SALES TO IRAN. INEVITABLE  
RESULT WILL BE EROSION OF PRIMARY ADVISORY ROLE OF ARMISH/MAAG  
AND INCREASED 3RD COUNTRY MILITARY INFLUENCE AND SALES WITH  
EXPECTABLE LOSSES IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE WHICH WILL MORE THAN  
OFFSET ANY GAINS FROM MAAGSAVINGS. WE CAN ALSO EXPECT LOOS-  
ENING OF US-IRAN TIES AND LESSENING OF REAL BENEFITS US RE.

Teheran 1665  
3-23-72

DEF 19-9 US-IRAN

## TELEGRAM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 01665 231040Z

CEIVES FROM RELATIONS WITH IRAN. FURTHERMORE, UNDER EUCOM PLAN TO TAKE OVER MAAG ADMIN SUPPORT, INCREASE OF 36 ADVISORY POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED MAY BE POSSIBLE WITHIN OVER. ALL ARMISH/MAAG PERSONNEL REDUCTION OF MORE THAN FIFTEEN PER CENT. EUCOM HAS PROPOSED THAT IT TAKE OVER DIRECTLY ADMIN. ISTRATIVE SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DOD UNITS IN IRAN WHICH NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BY ARMISH/MAAG SUPPORT ELEMENT. THIS WOULD REDUCE MAAG STRENGTH BY SOME 120 US POSITIONS, AND LEAVE ADEQUATE ROOM FOR ADVISORY AUGMENTATION. ACTION REQUESTED. DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR COMPLEMENT INCREASE IS REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

1. EVEN IN FACT OF CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR WORLD-WIDE MAAG COMPLEMENT REDUCTIONS, I AND MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM CONTINUE TO BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT US MILITARY ADVISORY MISSION TO IRAN (ARMISH/MAAG) SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED BUT IN FACT SHOULD BE AUGMENTED AS HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY SHAH. WE HAVE STRESSED MANY TIMES IN PAST UNIQUE AND IMPORTANT ROLE ARMISH/MAAG PLAYS IN BOLSTERING US INTERESTS IN IRAN (REF C AND PREVIOUS), BUT IT BEARS REPEATING.

2. SHAH CONSIDERS US MILITARY COOPERATION (ADVICE, TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT) AS SINGLE MOST VALUABLE TANGIBLE BENEFIT IRAN GETS FROM ITS SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP AND RELATIONSHIP WITH US. IT IS A PRIMARY INDUCEMENT FOR IMPORTANT BENEFITS US RECEIVES IN RETURN--(A) SPECIAL AND VITAL IN-COUNTRY FACILITIES AT NO COST TO USG; (B) IRREPLACABLE DIRECT OVERFLIGHT CORRIDOR FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN FLIGHTS BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA USED BY THOUSANDS OF US AIRCRAFT ANNUALLY (C) CONTRIBUTION TO US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN MILITARY PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND SERVICES; (D) MOST IMPORTANTLY CONTINUING KINSHIP WITH US WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO KEEPING IRAN AS DEPENDABLE SUPPORTER OF US AND FREE WORLD POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN MIDDLE EAST (IN FULFILLMENT OF NIXON DOCTRINE) DESPITE IRAN'S FOREIGN POLICY OF REAL NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

3. EFFECTIVE ADVISORY MISSION IS ITSELF ESSENTIAL PART OF USG MILITARY COOPERATION ON WHICH OTHER ASPECTS DEPEND. IT IS VITAL AND UNIQUE LINK IN BILATERAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOI AND USG. USG MILITARY SALES AND TRAINING PROGRAMS WOULD BE CRIPPLED WITHOUT IT. SHAH CAN AFFORD TO BUY ELSE-

RECORDS REQUIRING SCREENING

DEF 19-9 US IRAN

BOX 1857

FOLDER DEF 19-9 US-IRAN 4/20/74



Department of State

TELEGRAM

PAGE 03 TEHRAN 01665 231040Z

WHERE AND WOULD, WERE IT NOT FOR HIS CONFIDENCE IN AND SATISFACTION WITH US EQUIPMENT AND ADVISORY SUPPORT FOR TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT USE AND MAINTENANCE. ARMISH/MAAG'S ADVICE OVER WHOLE RANGE OF MILITARY MATTERS IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY GOI AND PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE IN RATIONALIZING, AND LETTING IRAN'S MILITARY GROWTH AND EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION, BOTH US AND THIRD COUNTRY, BENEFITS OF WHICH--E.G. RESTRAINT ON REGIONAL ARMS RACE--WOULD BE LOST WITHOUT MAAG. MOREOVER, ARMISH/MAAG HAS BECOME BELL WEATHER FOR GOI OF US SUPPORT FOR AND INTEREST IN IRAN, AT TIME WHEN SHAH AND GOI VIEW WITH INCREASING CONCERN SOVIET ADVANCES IN AREA AND APPARENT US RETRENCHMENT. SHAH IS PREPARED ASSUME MORE RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN KEEPING WITH NIXON DOCTRINE BUT CANNOT ACHIEVE CREDIBLE MILITARY DETERRENT ON WHICH THIS ROLE BASED WITHOUT COOPERATION IN MILITARY FIELD FROM US.

4. FAVORABLE IMPACT AND RESPONSIBLE ROLE OF ARMISH/MAAG WILL CONTINUE TO DEPEND ON ITS ADEQUATE MANNING TO SERVE IRANIAN (AND US) NEEDS. BALPA AND OPRED CUTS WHICH REDUCED ADVISORY PERSONNEL BY NEARLY 40 PER CENT SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED ABILITY OF MAAG TO FULFILL ITS UNDERTAKINGS AT TIME WHEN ACCELERATED PACE OF IRANIAN MILITARY MODERNIZATION, INCREASING ACQUISITION



CONFIDENTIAL 768

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 01665 231056Z

10  
ACTION PM-06

INFO OCT-01 NEA-09 SA-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00 H-02 INR-06 L-03  
 NSAE-00 NSC-10 P-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-14 USIA-12 EUR-20  
 M-03 BAL-03 OB-01 PER-05 AID-20 OMB-01 RSR-01 /125 W  
 ----- 12666/

R 230240Z MAR 72  
 FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7823  
 INFO EUCOM

CONFIDENTIAL FINAL SECTION OF TWO TEHRAN 1665

OF SOPHISTICATED MODERN EQUIPMENT, AND INTRODUCTION OF MODERN PERSONNEL, MANAGEMENT, LOGISTICS SYSTEMS CALLED MORE THAN EVER FOR USG ADVISORY EXPERTISE. REQUEST BY SHAH FOR ADDITIONAL ADVISORS REFLECTED HIS RECOGNITION OF THIS REAL NEED. FAILURE TO MEET THIS REQUEST IN OUR VIEW--AND THIS GOES DOUBLY FOR ANY CUTS IN PRESENT STAFFING--WOULD LEAVE SERIOUS GAPS IN US ADVISORY EFFORT AND CAUSE USG TO FALL SHORT IN SUPPORT FOR EQUIPMENT SALES. INEVITABLE RESULT WILL BE THAT SHAH WILL TURN ELSEWHERE FOR NECESSARY ADVISORY ASSISTANCE WE CANNOT PROVIDE AND FOR EQUIPMENT. AS CONSEQUENCE WE CAN EXPECT EROSION OF US INFLUENCE AND LOSS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FAR GREATER THAN ANY SAVING MAAG REDUCTION MIGHT GENERATE TO SAY NOTHING OF SETBACKS TO SHAH'S EFFORTS CREATE MODERN FORCE IF IT BECOMES DILUTED BY MIX OF FOREIGN EQUIPMENT FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

5. WE ARE CONVINCED COMPELLING REASONS EXIST TO INCREASE ARMISH/MAAG COMPLEMENT BY 36 POSITIONS AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED. MOREOVER UNDER EUCOM PROPOSAL TO REORGANIZE MAAG THIS CAN BE DONE AND 15 PERCENT CUT IN MAAG JIU CAN STILL BE ACHIEVED. EUCOM HAS ADVISED ARMISH/MAAG (REF B) THAT IT PROPOSES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, TO ASSUME DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS NOW BEING PERFORMED FOR ALL DOD UNITS IN IRAN BY ARMISH/MAAG SUPPORT ELEMENT. IF PROPOSAL CARRIED OUT, MAAG COMPLEMENT WILL BE REDUCED AS FOLLOWS:

RECORDS REQUIRING SCREENING

DEF 19-9 US DEAN

BOX 1857

FOLDER DEF 19-9 US-IRAN 4/14/74



Department of State

TELEGRAM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 01665 231056Z

	TOTAL MAAG	TRANSFER OF SUPPORT ELEMENT	REDUCED MAAG
US MILITARY	250	102	148
DOD CIVILIAN	22	8	14
FOREIGN NATIONAL	153	135	18
	425	245	180

EVEN IF 36 REQUESTED ADVISORY POSITIONS WERE ADDED TO MAAG JTU, RESULTING TOTAL WOULD BE BELOW EVEN 25 PER CENT CUT CONGRESS HAS AIMED FOR.

6. WITH MEANS AVAILABLE TO MEET REQUESTED INCREASE WHILE COMPLYING WITH CONGRESSIONAL REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS WE HOPE FAVORABLE ACTION ON SHAH'S REQUEST MAY AGAIN PROCEED (REQUEST WAS ORIGINALLY MADE NEARLY A YEAR AGO - (REF D)). CONGRESSIONAL ACTION LEAVES ROOM FOR SELECTIVE AND RATIONAL LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF WORLD-WIDE REQUIREMENT, AND WE TRUST USG WILL MAKE FULL USE THIS WELCOME LEEWAY.

7. SPECIFIC STAFFING INFO SOUGHT IN REF A FOLLOWS:

A. ASSIGNED STRENGTH OF ARMISH/MAAG AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 1971 WAS:

US MILITARY	243
US CIVILIAN	18
TOTAL	261

FOREIGN NATIONAL-DIRECT HIRE	151
FOREIGN NATIONAL-CONTRACT	17
TOTAL	429

ON BOARD STRENGTH DID NOT VARY SIGNIFICANTLY FROM ASSIGNED FIGURE.

B. ARMISH/MAAG RECORDS SHOW NUMBER OF TDYS AS:

1970 718  
1971 474

AVERAGE LENGTH OF TDY WAS 8.2 DAYS.  
HECK